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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of the calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the concurrently filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 9 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

4.(amended) The composition as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, having a TBN in the range of 25 to 100[, such as 25 or 30 to 60].

5.(amended) The composition as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein component (B) is present in the composition in an amount in the range of 0.5 to 30 mass %.

6.(amended) The composition as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the one or more overbased metal detergent has or have a TBN in the range of 60 to 600[, such as 100 to 450, preferably 160 to 400].

7.(amended) The composition as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the one or more overbased metal detergent is or are calcium salicylates.

8.(amended) The composition as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the antiwear additive is a zinc salt.

10.(amended) A method of lubricating a medium speed compression-ignited marine engine, which method comprises supplying to the engine the truck piston marine engine oil lubricating composition as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

11. The composition as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a fuel oil with a residual fuel content, in a minor amount.

12. The composition as claimed in claim 2, having a TBN in the range of 25 to 100.

13. The composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein component (B) is present in the composition in an amount in the range of 0.5 to 30 mass %.

14. The composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the one or more overbased metal detergent has or have a TBN in the range of 60 to 600.

15. The composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the one or more overbased metal detergent is or are calcium salicylates.

16. The composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the antiwear additive is a zinc salt.

17. A method of lubricating a medium speed compression-ignited marine engine, which method comprises supplying to the engine the truck piston marine engine oil lubricating composition as claimed in claim 2.

REMARKS

The present application claims priority of GB 0011115.3, f., which was filed on May 9, 2000. The above-amendments are presented in order to remove multiple dependencies from the claims to reduce the filing fee and amend or delete claims that do not conform to U.S. patent practices. No new matter has been presented. In view of the above-amendments, substantive examination of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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